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In re the application of: Zhang, H. <i>et al.</i> Application No: 10/806,036 Filed: March 22, 2004 Title: <i>Degradable Crosslinkers, and Degradable Crosslinked Hydrogels Comprising Them</i>	Group Art Unit: 1713 Examiner: Bernshteyn, M. Docket No.: BMX-003.02
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Examiner Bernshteyn:

In response to the non-final Office Action in the above-identified application, mailed February 17, 2006, the Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.